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\$64.00 TAX RATE

Wilmington's Tax Rate was officially set at \$64, for the year 1959, in the State House, yesterday morning.

Acting in the absence of Tax Commissioner Hernan Dine, Mr. Schwartz, Deputy Commissioner, approved a rate that was termed by John Salvey, Director of Local Taxation, 'very sound'.

Based on a Real and Personal Valuation of \$23,786,822, the new rate is divided approximately 60 - 40% between Town and School support. The exact figures are 59.33% and 40.67%.

Wilmington was the 45th town to have its tax rate approved, this year, out of 361 towns and cities in the Commonwealth.

The April 2nd date is the earliest that has been set in many years, and will probably result in a substantial savings to the town, in that

the necessity of borrowing money 'in anticipation of revenue' will probably be reduced.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

PROTESTS TOWN REPORT 'PIE'

The School Committee has directed John Collins, Superintendent of Schools to write a letter of protest over the appearance of a 'pie' showing town income, in the 1958 Town Report.

The 'pie' shows that income from schools was 2%.

In their instructions the School Committee pointed out that in 1957 the sum of \$117,466.78 was received from state income taxes, for school purposes, and that none of this was shown in the 1958 pie. Other items were also overlooked.

The School Department figures for income, in 1958, are \$187,299.31

PROMISE?

WON'T TEAR UP TRACKS

Chief Engineer Spofford of the Foston & Maine Railroad has testified, in the State House, that the Foston & Maine Railroad has no intention of tearing up the railroad tracks between Reading and Wilmington Junction, on the Portland branch of the F&MEL.

Spofford told the Department of Public Utilities hearing, conducted by Roy Papaplia, of Watertown that the Foston & Maine would save \$25,000 by not having to maintain the right of way between Reading and North Wilmington, and then later said that the railroad intended to leave the tracks in place, to use for freight trains.

All passenger trains now using this track (32 a day) would presumably be diverted to the so-called Wildcat Railroad, from Wilmington Depot to Wilmington Junction.

In answer to cross examination by Philip Fuzzell, Town Counsel of Wilmington and Carl Amon, Town Counsel of Reading, Spofford testified that near the proposed new Reading depot (close to the present Route 28) there would be a short section of track where only one track would be in existence. A 'spring switch' actuated by the trains that use the track, would be located above the new Reading depot, for the use of freight trains going North from Reading.

Both Amon and Fuzzell have attended every minute of the hearing, now over two weeks old. At the present time the Railroad's witnesses are being subjected to cross examination by various Town Councils.

Neither Fuzzell nor Amon would comment on the probable outcome of the case, Tuesday afternoon.

They did say that they had changed their mind about the value of having a railroad accountant employed by the towns, to testify on costs.

The two men had proposed that Wilmington, Reading and Woburn hire jointly a man skilled in railroad accounting, for the sum of \$3500 to prepare certain exhibits. Woburn's City Counsel refused to accept the proposition. Woburn's City Solicitor is apparently taking no part in the present proceedings.

The man who Fuzzell and Amon proposed to hire has appeared as a witness for another town, and after hearing his testimony both counsels stated that they are just as glad he was not hired by Wilmington and Reading.

Relative to the valuation of the Foston & Maine Railroad, Mr. Glaser, Financial Vice President of the railroad testified that the stockholders equity had increased over \$13 millions, in a ten year period from 1947 to 1957.

Members of Wilmington's Railroad Committee have made appearance as interested spectators, but not as witnesses.

TM Calabrese, together with Town Engineer George Maynard, Building Inspector Minot Anderson, Sgt. Sidelinkar and Officers Charles Dolan and Joseph Palestieri testified as to traffic conditions in Wilmington because of the present conditions of the Wildcat RR Wednesday. It was the fifth day that Calabrese had spent at the hearings.



A STONY SUBJECT

And all faces are stony, as the Board of Appeals listens to Attorney Richard Shepard, as he presents his case during a gravel argument before the Board of Appeals, last Thursday.

In back of the counter are Walter L. Hale Jr Chairman of the Board of Appeals, members Anthony Joannides and Eugene Gage, Mrs. Walter L. Hale and Town Engineer George Maynard.

In front of the counter are Attorney Shepard Phil Parks, and Bill Baldwin, owner of part of the land in which a gravel pit is being proposed by Mr. Shepard.

(On the counter may be seen a part of the seven foot long photograph prepared by Attorney Shepard, part of his carefully prepared exhibit for the case).

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION SATURDAY

Little League applications from youngsters who want to play this year, will be submitted Saturday evening, at 7 pm., in the High School Cafeteria.

Refreshments and movies for the young ball players are being planned by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Application forms have been distributed through the pub-

lic schools by Larry Cushing.

Children who have not, for any reason, received a form may still register, by filling out a form Saturday evening at Registration Time.

Boys who have reached their ninth, but not their thirteenth birthday by Aug. 1 1959 are eligible.

A parent must accompany boys as they make their application

Saturday.

There is no charge, nor fee, for registration.

Assignments will probably be made Saturday evening.

Little League, this year, opens on May 9th - the earliest opening day in Wilmington Little League history.

President Al Kasabuski will preside at the Registration.

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The Audit Bureau of Circulation insists that when a newspaper talks about 'circulation' it shall mean copies of the paper bought and paid for by the reader. From the view point of our two throw-aways, this is a very unreasonable organization.

One of these papers, published in Wilmington has a couple of rich 'uncles' who 'donate' subscriptions, whether or not they are wanted. This paper, last December, was asked by the Board of Selectmen to submit a certified copy of its circulation. It will not, because it can't

The other give-away claims 50,000 readers because it gives away 14,000 copies every week. But these 'readers' aren't very impressed. For some months now, this throw-away has had a front page advertisement offering a cheap subscription rate. The 'readers' aren't even interested. The throw-away has had to show how little faith it has in its own advertisements, because now it has hired telephone girls to sell subscriptions.

Moral: When people buy a paper, that's circulation, and the advertiser can trust that the paper will be read. The Town Crier, with a paid circulation of 1300, isn't thrown into post office waste baskets, or under mailboxes on the rural delivery routes.

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JEANNIE

The House of Representatives, of the Great
and General Court of Massachusetts paused in
its deliberations, Tuesday afternoon to pay
tribute to one of Massachusetts greatest ath-
letes.

It was not to a husky brawny man, muscular
and perhaps not much more.

Instead, a demure, almost bashful young lady
stood on the Speaker's Rostrum and accepted the
plaudits of our Legislators.

That young lady was Miss Jeanne Ashworth,
North American and National Skating Champion,
holder of three out of four possible speed-ska-
ting records in the National Record book, and
the only girl in the US Olympic Skating Team to
live east of the Mississippi River.

The Honor paid to Jeanne perhaps does not
surprise our neighbors. Jeanne, as far as we
are concerned, is Jeanne, The Incomparable.

We thank Representative Frank Tanner of Read-
ing for thinking of this honor for Jeanne, and
we thank Representative Tom Donohue of Woburn
for his assistance.

OUR CYNICAL LEGISLATORS

In spite of the merits of the Sales Tax this
paper expects to see it voted out, by our Le-
gislation.

We have too many legislators who always vote
for an appropriation and against a tax. We have
too many legislators who are running for office
365 days a year, and being statesmen when con-
venient.

The crowning blow against the Sales Tax will
come Saturday, when the City of Somerville will
conduct a "straw vote" by order of the Aldermen.
Of course the man in the street will be against
any kind of tax. Of course the vote will be NO.
And, of course, the Legislator will point to
the vote - the Cynical Legislator, we mean, and
say "I told you so!"

In offering the Sales Tax Governor Furcolo
has shown the Legislature a way to get rid of
the outmoded, 1945 formula, against which our
Legislators have been declaiming.

Wilmington residents will remember that
Charles H. McGlue, Legislative Counsel, came
out here to Wilmington only a few weeks ago and
used the 1945 Formula as a Whipping Boy, in an
entirely different kind of fight.

But Good Old Charlie McGlue's crowd will
vote against the Sales Tax - because they al-
ways vote against taxes - and they will point
to the Somerville Poll, as proof of their wis-
dom.

TOWN COUNSELS

We were not surprised, the other day, to
hear that an attempt had been made, in the
Reading Town Meeting, to cut the salary of Town
Counsel Carl Amon. One of the voters wanted to
reduce his salary from \$3500 to \$3000, in the
belief, as he expressed it, that Mr. Amon
worked only part time.

The gentleman was promptly informed by the
rest of the Town Meeting Members of the worth
of Mr. Amon, and the full salary was voted.

A few years ago we had a similar instance,
not that any attempt was ever made to cut the
salary of our Town Counsel, Mr. Buzzell, but
that one person would have liked to have done
it, and for a similar reason.

Our Town Counsel is paid \$2500 a year, a sum
which includes both salaries and expenses. By
the time he has deducted his expenses there is
not too much left for salary. Mr. Buzzell's

SUSIE'S

SONNETS



BORROWED TIME

March has surely been a fizzle;

Snow and rain and sleet and drizzle.

Oh, if we could only chisel

Some of coming August's sizzle.

salary was increased by the Selectmen recently,
without request, when they found that his ex-
penses were running quite high.

In the cases of both men we would say that
theirs is a work of love. They command far bet-
ter salaries in their practice than they get
from their towns, and prolonged cases cost them
real money.

Mr. Amon, in one public utility case where
he represented Reading, for two weeks, was paid
just his regular salary, while the opposing
counsel was paid at the rate of \$200 a day.

Mr. Buzzell is reputed to have had the
largest fee ever paid, in New England, for one
case - the fee (not confirmed,) being in the
neighborhood of a million dollars. (Let us add
that a large part of this went for expenses,
according to the report we had of the case).

These are the two men who have been repres-
enting Reading and Wilmington, for the past two
weeks, in the current hearing before the De-
partment of Public Utilities, in the proposal
to discontinue the railroad between Reading
and North Wilmington.

Both towns are very fortunate that they have
counsel as capable as these two gentlemen. The
salary they are paid is wholly nominal.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WORKERS

We read in the papers that some of the peo-
ple who live in New Hampshire and work in Mass-
achusetts are planning to fight the Mass. State
Income Tax Laws.

They must be the same people who keep dri-
ving on our highways with New Hampshire license
plates.

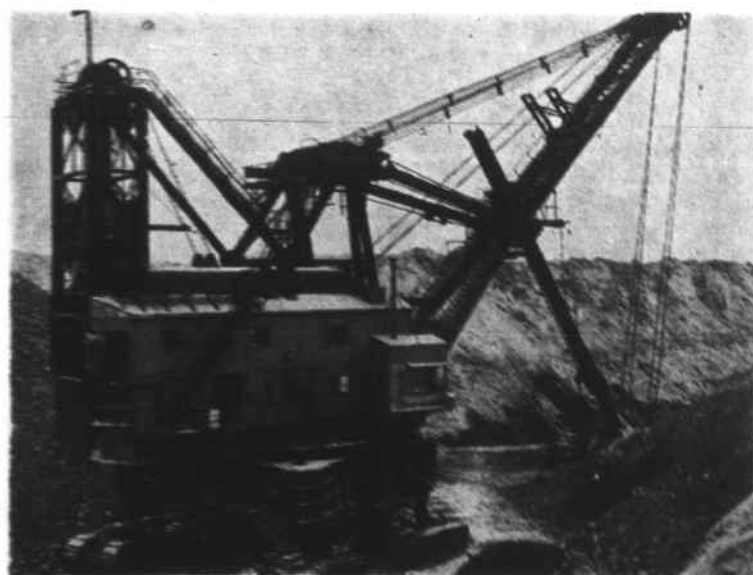
CIVIL DEFENSE POLICE TO MEET MONDAY

Wilmington's new Civil De-
fense Police will meet Monday
at 7:30 p.m. in the basement
of the Town Hall, to discuss
training programs.

Present in the organization
are Everett T. Aubry, Fallard-
vale Street, Athlea Ingram,
Wing Road, Leo Lavoie, Wild-

wood Street, Erving S Pfau,
Salem Street, Henry J Poisson,
Test Street, Daniel W. San-
ville, Wildwood Street, Fennie
Scozzaro, Gowing Road, Tom
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TOWN NOTES

Here we are in April, and
there is still snow on the
ground, in the shady spots.
We had nearly 2 inches of wet
snow on the 26th, and 2 1/2 on
the 27th of March. Monday we
had .02 inches of rain.
We haven't seen any back yard
gardens started yet, but we
hope to get in our onion sets
this week. No word of peas
planting.

Tony Donuts

The picture on our front page
was not the only one we took
at the Board of Appeals hear-
ing last Thursday. In every
one of them there is one thing
apparent. Other members of the
Board of Appeals may rest his
chin in his hands while lis-
tening to cases, but Tony
'Donuts' Joannides doesn't.

The only time he assumes this
attitude is when he is think-
ing about Income Taxes.

Asa Sheldon's Book

The Women's Club has ordered
one hundred reprints of the
Life of Asa Sheldon, and we
understand that a few copies
have not been ordered. Inter-
ested people may order one
from Mrs. August MacLeod.

CAFETERIA MENUS

MONDAY: Jarbuced beef on but-
tered roll, buttered green
beans, apple crisp, carrot
sticks, milk.

TUESDAY: baked sausage with
applesauce, mashed potatoes,
buttered spinach, bread and
butter, lemon filled doughnut,
milk.

WEDNESDAY: Italian spaghetti
with meat sauce, cole slaw
cucumber chips, Italian bread
and butter, cookies, milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger on but-
tered roll, potato chips, but-
tered peas, grapefruit sections,
milk.

FRIDAY: Oven baked fish sticks,
tartar sauce, parslies pota-
toes, tomato wedges, bread and
butter, cream filled cup cakes,
milk.

BROWNIES VISIT ICE CREAM PLANT

Thirteen girls of Brownie
Troop 296, accompanied by Mrs.
Donald Kirby of Wildwood St.,
leader, and Mrs. Rodney Laugh-
ton of Adams St., assistant
leader, enjoyed a trip to the
Forden's Ice Cream plant in
Woburn. Ice cream making was
thoroughly explained to them,
and at the conclusion of the
interesting tour, each re-
ceived a chocolate covered
ice cream sucker.

BOY RECOVERING

Michael Hall, 4 year old ne-
phew of William Simmons of
Forest Avenue is reported as
being "in good condition" at
the St. John's Hospital, in
Lowell.

The boy suffered 2nd and 3rd
degree burns, Monday morning,
when fire of undetermined ori-
gin broke out in his uncle's
home, in the second story.

An Ohio boy, he was visiting
Wilmington with his parents.

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ESTHER RUSSELL
TOWN CLERK

SELECTMEN DECLARE WAR ON SHACKS -

ABANDONED AND OTHERWISE

Led by remarks of Chairman Francis J. Hagerty, the Board of Selectmen declared war on dangerous shacks, in Wilmington, vacant or otherwise.

Hagerty opened the discussion by remarking about a house on Grove Avenue which he felt should be cleaned up. "When I was on the Board of Health we had to clean up the place - now it is just as terribly filthy again - there should be some kind of action."

Nick De Felice added fuel to the discussion by talking about places that are closed up - sometimes for the winter, and sometimes permanently. "Let a little kid get into one of those places - and something happens - it would be just too bad!"

"I think its time we had some inspections, around here!" Hagerty threw in inspections of chimneys, too. "Some of the chimneys I see should have been pointed up 10 or 15 years ago."

De Felice: "Hard thing to say but just suppose some one gets turned - we would never hear the end of it!"

Hagerty began to jump on a couple of Wilmington's officials - then changed his subject to a house in the Silver Lake sector where a woman had been rescued, some months past, from near starvation. He was quite indignant.

Mrs. Drew: Yes, but they found \$1800 on that woman!

Hagerty: No difference! Under both the State Laws and the Town's Housing Code these places should not be allowed to exist! The Building Inspector should have had money in his account to do this kind of work.

Don Kidder: A lot of those places without a cellar - get some leaves under them, and a spark --

Mrs. Drew: Do you think the Building Inspector has time to drive all over town?

Hagerty: If I was in his job, Yes. People can get burned to death! I can't buy the fact that we completely ignore the problem!

De Felice: Doesn't the Fire Department have any responsibility? I heard up some of those places, and it is just a challenge to the small children to get inside.

Hagerty: Its up to the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief. We should get those places taken care of.

Mrs. Drew: How? They belong to somebody. How are you going to

notify them, when they are gone?

De Felice: By Mail.

Mrs. Drew: That will take months, in some cases.

Kidder: It burns me up - when one of those shacks catches fire the Fire Department has to put it out. Too bad we just can't let them burn!

TM Calabrese finally spoke up "Its a very ticklish subject. I have been checking into Chapter 143 of the General Laws, and I can't find any clear provisions for enforcement."

(He read some of the paragraphs - one of them said the Building Inspector should take men and tear down buildings)

De Felice: Put it doesn't say who is to pay!

TM: Then it goes on to say that in cities the City Engineer and Fire Chief, and in towns a Surveyor and Fire Chief - Who is the Surveyor? would it be the Town Engineer? It doesn't say - and if this section is right, why, in the next section does it tell us to get a Board - and where are the provisions for forfeiture?

Hagerty began to study the Wilmington Housing Code - "It says here 'according to Chapter 3. What's in Chapter 3?"

De Felice studied Chapter 3 of the General Laws. He studied them some more. "It tells us what the Legislature is supposed to do - but I can't see any thing about housing. It says here too, that the American Elm is the State Tree. Did you know that?"

Hagerty: Its prima facie that once there has been a fire in a building it should be posted

De Felice: Any way to have a Clean Up Campaign? - Before we have a catastrophe?

Kidder: And not only in the Lake area - there are other places too.

Hagerty: The Building Inspector should put aside two hours a week, for this.

TM: Generally the initiative is up to the Fire Department.

De Felice: Let them work together!

TM: The real problem is the interpretation of procedure.

De Felice: Go to Fuzzell.

TM: He has been busy for the past two weeks with the F&M hearings.

De Felice: Go to the Attorney General.

The discussion was dropped at this point.

Other Business

Auto Salesrooms

Hagerty mentioned that there was a complaint about a certain automobile dealer who kept his sales office open on

Sundays. "Tell the Chief of Police to enforce the laws!"

De Felice: All of them? (auto agencies)

Hagerty & Drew (in chorus): All of them!

Shawsheen Bridge

Hagerty also had the Chief instructed to stop trucks from using the Shawsheen Avenue bridge - "lot of trucks, I understand, are using it"

Gravel

Roads and Gravel Pits received their weekly discussion when Hagerty wanted to know if there was any "bond money" for trucks of several of the gravel companies.

It turned out that the largest trucker - Campanella & Cardi, had no bond - because it was working on the State Highway, presumably. The discussion zoomed from the Hathaway Pit to pits on Concord St. to pits in Andover, and back again.

De Felice: I say its our own fault. Campanella & Cardi have a road to build. We stopped them at every turn!

Dunton Street

De Felice asked the TM to have a light shifted, on a pole on Dunton St.

Hagerty: Why?

De Felice: Because we have three lights on three poles. We can shift one and have light further up the street!

That lady - the house that is lower than the street level - she reports that the water is coming down on her house.

TM: I went up there the last time we had a heavy rain - the street has been curbed in front of her house - water is going down beside it.

De Felice: Just so that it is not the town's fault.

Police Station

Hagerty: I have been told by a Permanent Building Committee member that they will be calling for bids on the Police Station and Highway Garage on the first of May.

TM: I couldn't guess now - we are meeting Wednesday night.

Hagerty moved that the Supt. of Streets and the Dog Officer be appointed Advisory Members of the Building Committee, for their own buildings - "we don't want someone coming later and saying that the Dog Officer didn't get a chance to look at the plans"

Dog Kennels

The Selectmen discussed briefly the Sidelink Dog Kennels which are supposed to close in early April, according to a court decision of two years ago, but decided against any lengthy discussion on the grounds that "Mr. Sidelink knows, and if he doesn't do anything it is up to the Town Counsel".

MEN'S SUNDAY AT THE WILMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday, April 6 at the 10:30 a.m. service of worship the men of the church will be in attendance with their families. An invitation was extended to all the men during the services of worship on Easter Sunday at which over 900 persons were in attendance.

Under the leadership of the Fisherman's Group of the church this challenge to the men of the parish to worship with has been initiated. The Rev. Richard E. Harding, pastor of the church will bring the morning message and the Rev. Richard F. McFarland will assist in the leadership of the service.

READING UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday April 5th
Sermon: The Religion of 'Green Pastures' Rev. Chas Engvall.
4:30 p.m. Jr High Fellowship
3:15 p.m. High School LRY to meet at church and leave for federation meeting at Concord C p.m. College Age Group emanons to meet.

Monday April 16
Film 'City in a Shadow'

Wednesday April 8th

2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Thursday April 9th

7:30 p.m. Planning Committee meeting. Choir rehearsal.

WILMINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Sunday April 5, 1959

9:30 a.m. First Service of Worship Kinderkirk and Church School.

11 a.m. Second Service of Worship with Choir Kinderkirk and Church School. Rainbow Assembly No. 52 of Wilmington guests of the Wilmington Cong. Church

8 p.m. Fireside Fellowship in Parish House.

Monday April 6, 1959

6:30 p.m. Center Franch Assoc. Supper Meeting in the Parish House.

Wednesday April 7, 1959

8 p.m. Choir rehearsal in Parish House.

Thursday April 9, 1959

10 a.m. North Franch L.P.S. in Parish House Postponed-Pot Luck Luncheon.

Friday April 10, 1959

7 p.m. Boy Scouts in the Vestry

Saturday April 11, 1959

6 p.m. Sunday School Supper in Vestry Grades 5-6-7-and 8th. Parents and Teachers invited.

Flowers for the morning service of April 5, 1959 are given by the Rainbow Assembly No. 52 of Wilmington our guests.

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ADULT FELLOWSHIP SQUARE DANCE
The Adult Fellowship of the Wilmington Methodist Church will sponsor a Square Dance for the couples and adults of the Church at their regular Saturday meeting on April 5 at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation has been extended to all who wish to attend. The program will be held in the fellowship hall of the new church building.

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Two years ago the Town Crier printed a photograph of Harold Radochia, of Park Street, cutting up rags for a rug, in Evening Class in the High School.

The finished rug was exhibited on March 20th in the High School. Pointing at it is Mrs. Willard Stantial, with her daughter Ann. The other two ladies are Mrs James Davidson and Mrs Thomas Farrington, all of Gunderson Road.



MRS TARRICONE'S CHAIR

Nancy Tarricone of Park Street beams up at her instructor, during the exhibition of the Practical Arts School, March 20th. The chair in which no one is sitting is the handiwork of Mrs Tarricone.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN TO MEET IN METHODIST CHURCH

The East Middlesex Association for Retarded Children is to hold its next meeting in the old Methodist Church, in Wilmington, on April 29th.

The March 25th meeting, held in Lynnfield on March 25th heard Joseph D. Ward, Secretary of the Commonwealth tell the members that approximately 3000 retarded children are born in Massachusetts every year, and that approximately 148,000 retarded children of all ages are in Massachusetts at the present time.

Although Massachusetts once led in programs for the retarded, the Secretary said, the state school program must be expanded now to meet the present needs.

PRE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Pre School Registration is to take place during the first week in May. Certificates of birth, and successful vaccination certificates will be required at the time of the registration, as well as information on previous illnesses, and immunizations, according to Mrs. Esther Nichols, School Nurse.

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THE HILLER STORY

(BEING THE STORY OF MRS. DR. HENRY HILLER, THE FAMOUS 'CASKET WOMAN' OF WILMINGTON)

By Capt. Larz Neilson

THE HILLER STORY (CONT)

In back of her home, between Church Street and Middlesex Avenue the ground was low and swampy. With a supply of water this could be a cranberry bog. France had lived on the Cape, and learned about cranberries there, she told her friends. of course Wilmington farmers knew all about cranberries - it was in this town that cranberry cultivation had started, back after the Revolution. It

was this town too, that had suffered from the Cranberry Plight, in 1840. Nobody but a fool would try to grow cranberries in Wilmington. The natives scoffed at France.

So France hired some of the Frenchmen who had just come down from Nova Scotia - the Porters, and the Surrettes, and had the swamp graded and ditched.

(In those days the wave of immigration from Canada had



Dr. Henry Hiller

(A picture taken in Lowell, believed to be of Dr. Hiller).

just started. People who came to Wilmington from Nova Scotia were called Franchmen. Those (cont Pg 8).

APPEAL BOARD MAY GRANT NO. WILMINGTON GRAVEL PERMIT
Indications are that the Wilmington Board of Appeals may grant a variance for the removal of gravel, from two adjoining areas in North Wilmington.

The board's conversation during a hearing last Thursday was to the effect that it might be better to grant a permit with restrictions, rather than deny it, and have the operators remove the gravel in defiance to the law. With the restrictions, the conversations stated, there would be a chance of having court action if the restric-

tions were disregarded.

Previous denials, on Concord Street, had resulted in operations in defiance to the Towns rulings, which were bitterly contested in court, and which, Attorney Richard Shepard says, has resulted in a ruling against the town.

Planning Board Opposed
Daniel Gillis, Chairman of Planning Board, opposed the proposal, and stated that no extensions of any gravel pit should be permitted.

Hagerty Limits
Selectman Francis J. Hagerty asked that the Appeal Board set limits in area and depth, if they did approve the appeal. The appeal was presented by

Attorney Richard Shepard, who is reputed to have never lost a case in court, on gravel questions. Atty Shepard had an impressive preparation for the hearing, documented with a large number of photographs, taken from the air, and otherwise, one of which was seven feet long.

The appeal covered an area in North Wilmington which included both the former Curtis gravel pit, and land of William Baldwin. Curtis' pit has been bought by Max Siegal, of Everett, the man who bought the former Van Steensburg pit, in North Wilmington.

Among the objectors was John Clarke of Andover Street, who told the Appeal Board that because of gravel operations near his home, last year, his cellar becomes flooded.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Stratford Builders, a duly existing corporation having an usual place of business in Arlington, in said County of Middlesex, to register and confirm its title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Aldrich Road 138.46 feet; Easterly and Southerly by land now or formerly of John W. Amaro 161.42 feet and 142.21 feet respectively; Westerly by land now or formerly of Charles Duffy and Mary E. Duffy 161.27 feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the fourth day of May next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

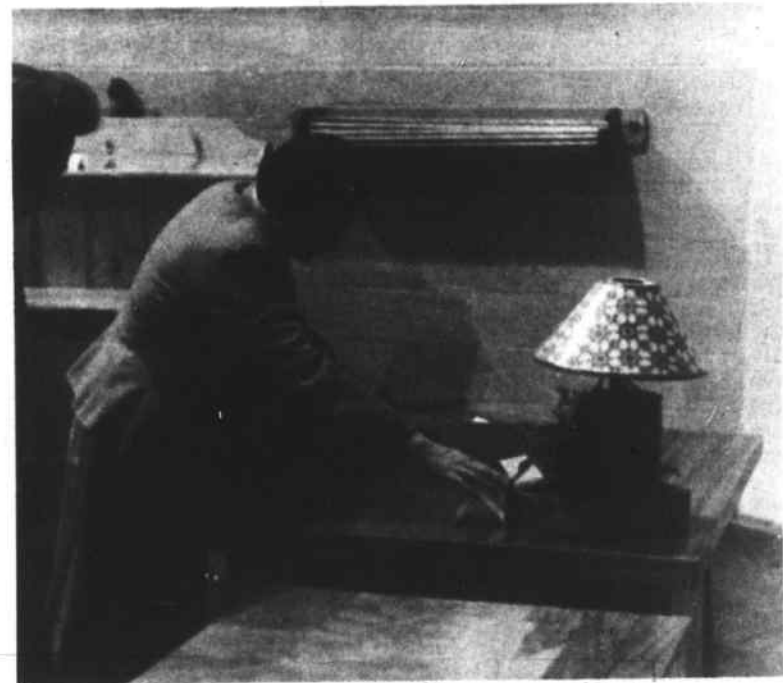
Attest with Seal of said Court. (Seal)

SYLIL H. HOLMES, Recorder Alan Altman, 388 Main St. Wilmington Mass. Atty for petitioner. A2-9-16



COOKING EXHIBIT

The Baking Exhibition, at the Practical Arts School Open House. In the foreground is Mrs. Whilmina De Lisle, instructor.



MRS LEONARD'S DESK

A spectator pauses to admire the finish of the desk made by Mrs. Clarence Leonard of Salem Street, on exhibit at the Evening Practical Arts School Open House, on March 20th.

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OL 8-3450Private William Johnston, of
Fairmeadow Road completed his
Advanced Military Training at
the Provost Marshal General's
School, Fort Gordon, Ga., on
March 19th.Pvt. Johnston's parents, Mr
and Mrs. Thomas Johnston of
Florida, and his sister and
brother in law, Mr and Mrs
George Dyas of Fairmeadow Road
were on hand to witness the
graduation exercises and to
enjoy a tour of Fort Gordon
Pvt. Johnston entered the
service on Nov. 4th., and af-
ter receiving his basic train-
ing at Fort Dix, N.J., was sent
to Fort Gordon for further
training. He is a graduate of
Wilmington High School, Class
of 1958.His new address is to be: Pvt
William Johnston, RA 11354196,
MP Detachment, Fort Hancock NJ**BIRTH**THORPE, Craig Warren, third
son to Mr and Mrs Samuel S.
Thorpe Jr., 702 Broadway, Lo-
well, on Feb. 16th, in Winches-
ter Hospital.Grandparents are Mr and Mrs
Samuel Thorpe of 219 Varnum
Ave Lowell, and Mr and Mrs
Clarence Gove of Stowe, Mass.,
all former residents of Wil-
mington.**SURPRISE PARTY FOR
MARY GRAY**Mrs Mary Gray, Eames Street,
was pleasantly surprised last
Saturday evening when a group
of her friends and neighbors
dropped in to celebrate her
69th birthday.Mrs. Gray was given many
lovely gifts. A buffet supper
was served, and everyone en-
joyed a nice evening.**LETTERS**171 East St
Methuen, Mass.

Dear Capt. Neilson

I have before me the Town
Crier, Mar 5, 1959, Article #3is a masterpiece and strikes
me rather interestingly.Paragraph 1 - 'We cannot think
of anything that distresses us
more than this question' I pre-
sume you mean Fluoridation. I
agree with you. There should
not be that disagreement when
there is sufficient factual
proof to dispell all doubt.Paragraph 2 - 'There are many
people who are sincerely a-
gainst fluoridation of water
supplies -- these people may
be acting from a religious im-
pulse or from a fear of the
fluorine that is put in the
water.' --you state a fact and
you answer it in a subtle man-
ner. Some folks act on relig-
ious impulses but how about a
freedom of choice? It is also
true that some act from fear.
The fact is they have good
reasons to fear. What a person
does not know will not bother
him, but what he does know is
a horse of a different color.
Sodium Fluoride is not Sodium
Chloride. It is a deadly pois-
on, more so than arsenic. I
will drink one teaspoon full
of Sodium Chloride in a glass
of water if you will drink one
quarter teaspoonful of SodiumFluoride in a glass of water
and let's see which one will
live to see the next day.
Strange how brazenly the fluo-
ride advocates compare sodium
Chloride with Sodium Fluoride
(a deceptive comparison). While
we are on the subject, Sodium
Fluoride, Fluoride is toxic,
accumulative and affects every
part of the body. A mass
health deterioration scheme to
support a monopolistic inter-
est. With this in mind I seek
to meet the issue squarely. If
it is right I'll hop on the
band wagon with you.Paragraph 3. 'The fluorine
protects children's teeth'
That statement I would like to
have proven. 'There is no ar-
gument with this, in our be-
lief'. Mr. Neilson, who wrote
up that editorial - yourself?
'If one is willing to accept
the testimony of medical soci-
eties'. If not, what then?Frankly it is difficult to ac-
cept the testimony of the med-
ical societies and the experts
in the field you allude towhose attitude as expressed,
say that the public lack in-
telligence, are incapable to
grasp the full meaning of
fluoridation. Then, why are
you and they making the desper-
ate attempt to hide the true
meaning of fluoridation, and
seek to force fluoridation on
them in such a subtle manner
as this very write up has ac-
complished. Here is the crux
of the whole fluoridation con-
troversy. Can we trust you?
Shall we trust you? Will we
trust you? The cry today is,
Why not trust your Doctor, Den-
tist' or 'Our Children's
Health is it worth protecting?The question that puzzles
most people is 'Why is not the
fluoridation issue brought out
in the open where all can have
a look and hear both sides. Why
the unscrupulous, unethical,
disgraceful mud slinging and
slander? A disgrace to the
Medical and Dental profession
in whom most of us have placed
complete confidence in the
past. But today it is differ-
ent.Paragraph 4 'But we are dis-
tressed at the feeling of in-
dividuals who are sincerely a-
gainst the idea'. This is a
seemingly good gesture on the
part of the one who wrote it.
At this point I will make an
offer of \$1000 cash that should
alleviate the distressed feel-
ing, and you can pass it on to
the person who wrote the arti-
cle in question (Question 3)
I will pay \$1000 cash for
factual proof not theory that
fluoridation at 1 ppm is not
harmful to the human body.2. Prove that fluoridation at
1 ppm reduces tooth decay, at
least to a degree worthy of
consideration.3. Prove that fluoridation at
1 ppm does not corrode metal
equipment, plumbing fixtures,
etc such as used in the home,
factory, including the equip-
ment in the Municipal Water
Pumping Station.4. Prove that fluoridation at
1 ppm does not pollute water.Continuing Paragraph 4. 'We
wish there were some other way
to be able to provide fluorine
for children. Mr Neilson that
subtle suggestion tops them
all. You know the person who
wrote that article knows, and
I know that fluoride can be
purchased in any drug store
through a doctor's prescrip-
tion, the dosage cost per in-
dividual so low that it is too
silly to even mention, and due
to the fact that the fluoride
equipment in the Wilmington
Pumping Station has been out
of order more than in order,
due to corrosion, Fluoride has
been applied to children's
teeth, those who want it.Paragraph 5. 'We have been
told it is impossible to com-
bine fluorine in milk, because
of the calcium content of
milk' The fact is milk is now
loaded with enough additives
to make it questionable.Paragraph 6. 'If only some
way could be found to supply
fluorine other than the water
supply we would be the hap-
piest people in the world' This
is a wonderful innocent ges-
ture, if only you really meant
it. But it's the powerfulforce behind the guise of fluo-
ridation, under the guise of
innocency that will not per-
mit any other procedure.Paragraph 7. Reluctantly we
must admit we are going to
vote for fluoridation' I re-
peat, this is a masterful
piece of masquerading to mus-
ter up such a subtle scheme,
having accomplished its pur-
pose. I now look to you for
satisfaction in my quest for
factual proof, not theory, on
the four points I raised as a
challenge.I will give you exactly two
weeks from the date of this
letter to come forth with the
goods. The group under the
heading 'Facts About Fluori-
dation Based on Scientific
Research' on page one, and
ending with a plea 'For Our
Children's Health Vote Yes' --
should be ideal support in
your endeavor.

Sincerely

William F. Kruschwitz

*We are distressed about the
fluoridation question because
there are people who sincerely
believe it is wrong, because
of religious or other beliefs.
But we don't swallow the car-
nival 'shell' tactics of Mr.
Kruschwitz - waving money in
the air to bedazzle the coun-
try hicks, without naming re-
sponsible judges or hard con-
ditions.**If he sincerely wants to im-
prove conditions let him endow
an honest scholarship for an
honest study - and not impose
any 'carney' conditions on the
student.*

Dear Editor:

In regards to the letter
printed in the paper March 26,
where the Fire Department has
taken the trouble to choose
certain statements and go in
to a lengthy explanation re-
garding their side of the story
in their interest and I
quote (of fair play, truth, and
justice).In the previous week I wrote
a letter to this paper which I
considered and still do, to be
very important. As the Fire De-
partment stated, I was just
trying to lend a helping hand
to my neighbor, Arnold Alward,
and in turn have left myself
wide open to criticism and
name calling which I under-
stand was the main topic of
conversation of the Fire De-
partment for several days.All the facts I stated were
true and were brought about
through conversation over the
telephone.I spoke to those people I
named and some that I didn't
name, not face to face, but o-
ver the telephone. I didn't
think I'd be required to de-
fend myself against the charge
of being a liar (or to be
more polite, untruthful).All I can say in defense of
myself is, I spoke to these
people and through their con-
versation and answers I was
put on a fast moving merry-go-
round which kept me on the tel-
ephone for five and one half
hours.We were not looking for char-
ity or a free ride, but I was
trying, desperately to get this
man with a fractured elbow to
the hospital where a special-
ist was waiting for him. This
man was not flat on his back,
neither was he in danger of
dying, but he surely was in
need of help.I was always led to believe
when you can't get help any
other way the best people to
call would be the Police or
Fire Department. I am sorry to
say that after the run around
that occurred it will take some
time to regain that belief a-
gain.I guess the old saying still
goes that (you just cant
fight City Hall - especially
when you're just one person a-
gainst the Police and Fire De-
partment).I want to say again that eve-
ry word I put in your paper
was the truth.I would also like to correct
the statement in the same pa-
per that gave the impression
that it was my oil tank that
leaked and gave the Fire De-

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NEW ROTARIAN

Phil Le Duc, of the Wilmington press, shown in his shop. Mr. Le Duc, a past Commander of the Nee-Ellsworth Post, VFW, is now the newest member of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, having been inducted yesterday noontime.

LETTERS

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partment a two hour workout. It certainly was not.

Freda H. Fishop

Let us add a few words, in the interest of Fair Play, Truth, and Justice.

The lady who is both the wife and the Registered Nurse in the office of the Woburn physician told us that arrangements were made with the Wil-

mington Fire Department before 8 am on the day in question, for the transportation of the neighbor of Mrs. Bishop. Later when the Chief called the Doctor, and wanted to know if it was a 'stretcher' case, and would the doctor sign an affidavit to the effect, the request was withdrawn.

As far as the Chief charging that this paper did not investigate:

This paper has practically

never got an answer from the Fire Station, when we call. The Chief is always out, it so happens, and his subordinates are forbidden to answer questions, at least from this paper. We did call, and we called the Town Manager. We did not call Mr. Hagerty, because he was at work, and we were averse to having him use his employer's telephone for other than his employer's business.

The Town Manager told us that he expected to see the Lady Monday, but as events turned out he didn't.

The injured man was finally taken to the hospital in a taxi provided by Joe Balestiere, for which he made no charge. It was impossible to get taxis that day, as we can testify by reason of our own knowledge.

The oil-tank episode had nothing to do with the Bishop-Alward case. That was in a separate letter, in which the boys threw in everything but the kitchen sink. Ed.

Dear Larz:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to print a copy of this letter which I sent to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, about the co-operation of the Manager of our local telephone office.

William K. Widger
1 Fairview Ave
Wilmington Mass

Frederick R Kappel, President, Am. Tel & Tel Co.,
195 Broadway, New York 7, NY

Dear Mr Kappel:

As a small share holder in AT&T stock, I would like the privilege of bringing to your attention an example of exceptional service and cooperation on the part of Mr. Paul A. Carlson of the Lowell, Mass., office of your New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., subsidiary.

On January 13 I wrote the Lowell office as follows: 'I am a member of a group of citizens of Wilmington which is planning an intensive telephone campaign the afternoon of Sat., 7 March, the day of the Wilmington Town Elections, with the objective of getting to the polls many of those who might otherwise not vote. Three years ago, I participated in a similar activity. At that time we apparently saturated part of the telephone activities of the Oliver exchange, since over a significant period of time, some but not all, of the telephones we were using were unable to get the dial tone so to make the intended calls. Naturally we wish to avoid this if possible in working during the coming elections.

Mr. Carlson, as Manager of the Lowell Office, provided us with every possible cooperation in planning and setting up our election day operation; in fact he provided us a degree of service far beyond anything I had anticipated when I first wrote the Lowell office. I am very pleased to be able to report that, because of Mr. Carlson's cooperation (and in clear contrast to our problems of three years before), our 7 March telephone operation went extremely smoothly and at no time was any of our telephones inoperative for more than a very few seconds.

I am please to be able to tell you of this performance on the part of an employee of one of AT&T's subsidiaries. Furthermore, since Mr. Carlson was at no time aware that I was a share-holder, this is presumably typical of the service he renders our customers.

Sincerely
William K. Widger Jr.

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Middlesex, ss.

Lowell, March 23, 1959
By virtue of an execution issued from the Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex on the twenty-eighth day of February A.D. 1959 in the suit of The Middlesex County National Bank versus Joseph G. Babbitt Hillside Way, Wilmington, I this day seized and taken and shall sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on Saturday the second day of May A.D. 1959 at 10:00 a.m., at my office Room 218, 24 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass., all the right, title and interest which the within named Judgment Debtor Joseph G. Babbitt had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on the twenty-eighth day of October 1958 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., that being the time when the same was attached on the original writ, in and to the following described real estate to wit:

The land with all the buildings thereon situated on Hillside Way, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown on a plan of land entitled Plan of Land in Wilmington Massachusetts, dated October 29, 1957, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 89, Plan 127, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY: by Hillside Way, two hundred thirteen and 62/100 (213.62) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by land of Salvatore and Silvia Fantasia as shown on said plan, three hundred fifty-eight and 13/100 (358.13) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY: by land of John and Mary McGuinness as shown on said plan, by three lines measuring thirty-five and 32/100 (35.32) feet, sixty eight and 14/100 (68.14) feet, and ninety-two and 53/100 (92.53) feet, respectively;

NORTHEASTERLY: by land of Albert D. Malone as shown on said plan, by five lines measuring seventy-eight and 75/100 (78.75) feet, one hundred twenty-four and 40/100 (124.40) feet, seventy-six and 67/100 (76.67) feet, one hundred forty-three and 71/100 (143.71) feet, and thirty-four and 63/100 (34.63) feet, respectively. Containing 1.90 acres of land according to said plan.

For my title see deed of Pearl H. Herson dated November 6, 1957, and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 1390, Page 10.

Loring R. Kew, Jr.,
Deputy Sheriff

M26, A2, A9

SHERIFF'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex, ss.

March 23, A.D. 1959
Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction, on Saturday, the second day of May A.D. 1959, at nine o'clock a.m., at my office, Room 218, 24 Merrimack Street, in Lowell in said county of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that Kenneth S. Ford of Tewksbury in said county of Middlesex, had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the twentieth day of March A.D. 1959, at nine o'clock, a.m., being the time when the same was taken on execution in and to the following described real estate, to wit:

The land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Mass., with the buildings, being lots numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, all as shown on a plan of land record

ed in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans No. 53 Plan No. 36, said plan being of land in Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to E.O. Howard, dated September 1928, containing according to said plan 95,324 square feet of land more or less (the figure of 68,514 square feet appearing in all former deeds being in error). Said land is subject to any restriction or encumbrances herein recorded insofar as the same may now be in force and applicable.

Loring R. Kew, Jr.,
Deputy Sheriff

A2-7-16

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of Harry I. Barnes late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that Alice A. Barnes of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed administratrix of said estate, without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object there to you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the tenth day of April 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of March 1959.

John V. Harvey, Register
M19-26 A2

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To Russell Florence of Dallas in the State of Texas.

A libel as amended has been presented to said Court by your wife Claire L. Florence praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of cruel and abusive treatment and praying for alimony and for custody of and allowance for minor children.

If you desire to object there to, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge within twenty-one days from the twenty-fifth day of May 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March 1959.

John J. Foley, Register.
M19, 26, A2

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of Mildred A Glover late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased by Alice G. Tait of Wakefield in the County of Middlesex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety of her bond.

If you desire to object there to you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-second day of April 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of March 1959.

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ARTHUR M. SOUTHWAYD
Arthur M. Southmayd, age 42, died suddenly at his home, 3 Massachusetts Ave., Thursday, March 26. Born in Wilmington, he was employed by the Lowden Transportation Co. of Woburn.
Funeral services were held at the W. S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Richard Harding of the Methodist Church. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Robert Edell, Jack Blaisdell, William Teake, Paul Smith, Donald Robinson, Larr Cote.
He is survived by his wife, Lillian R. (Sheahan); 7 children, Mrs. Marilyn Richard, James, Janice, Clifford, Charles, Claire, and Thomas, all of Wilmington; his mother, Mrs. Ethel Southmayd; and 7 brothers and sisters, Howard Parker, William S. and Melvin

Southmayd of Wilmington, Mrs. Edith Williamson of Somerville, Elmer Southmayd of Tewksbury, Mrs. Florence McCarney of Fillerica, Donald Southmayd of New Hampshire; and two grandchildren.
Funeral arrangements were in charge of the W. S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home.
FATHER OF MRS. GORDON C. COULTON DIES SUDDENLY
George F. Osborne, 5 Pilling Rd., Hathaway Ave., died suddenly at home Tuesday, March 24. For the past two and a half years he had been living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Coulton. He was born in Nashua, N.H., 78 years ago.
Funeral services were held Friday, March 27, with arrangements in charge of the Paul H. Cate Memorial Funeral Home of Manchester, N.H. Burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, Nashua.

Hiller Story
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who came from Quebec were called French-Canadians, and reputedly were part Indian. The great majority of those coming to Wilmington were from Nova Scotia - and not one of Wilmington's Frenchmen ever saw the coast of France.)
Mill Brook, that which runs under Louie's Garage, was diverted to flow, when needed, through the new cranberry bog. Sidney Ruck, who lived across Middlesex Avenue, was most unhappy. Mill Brook now flowed in back of his home, and beside his home, and in front of his home was the cranberry bog. Sidney was positive that his cellar would be flooded - and it was.
Mrs. Dr. Hiller actively pushed along the construction of her bog, and a ditch was dug down past the present Fire



France B. Hiller
An old glass-plate photo, believed to have been taken in Woburn - the church in the background seems to be the old Woburn Baptist Church.

Station, to drain away the waters.
The French, and their families couldn't provide enough labor. The Yankees wouldn't work for Mrs. Hiller. So she went down to North Woburn to recruit more labor.
North Woburn was known, in Civil War times as Irishtown, a place where many of the poor Irish had lived. But these people were now elevating themselves in the social structure and a wave of Italians took over the area - but it was still Irishtown for a few more years.
The Italians proved to be willing workers. They got along well with the French, and Italian women, and French women planted the thousands of cranberry vines in the new bog. One of the families of Italians that came up, a few years

later was that of Joe Altavesta - he, his wife, and his three children.
Joe, who had lately moved out from his first stopping point in America - i.e. Boston, was a very polite man who always made his family behave, and keep order. The children were not allowed to run all over the place - they had to stay with Mama.
France Hiller noticed these children, the ones who didn't run across her lawn. She was, in her way, kind to them.
Mrs. Hiller, on her trips to Boston would buy exotic fruits for the Altavesta children - Avacados, for instance. Little Louise (now Mrs. Capaldo, in North Woburn) became a sort of favorite, and was allowed to play with the bags of jewelry that France Hiller always carried with her. Louise can still remember trying on her little fingers some of the dozens of rings that France Hiller carried, in those two black bags.
Mrs. Hiller had a place built on Middlesex Avenue, in which to store empty cranberry boxes - it is now a four apartment house. Behind this house, on a warm sunny bank she would sit, under a huge black umbrella, and watch the Italian and French women at work, and play with Louise Altavesta.
And - contrary to the predictions of her Yankee neighbors, the cranberry did grow in Wilmington - at least in France Hiller's bog - and instead of becoming bankrupt she again made money!



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